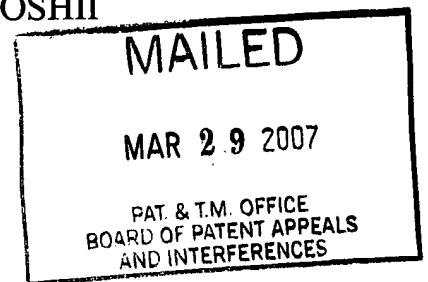


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

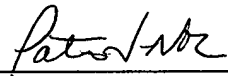
This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 28, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

On December 14, 2004, in an Order Returning Undocketed Appeal, the application was returned to the examiner for the following:

On April 22, 2004, the examiner mailed an examiner's answer. The examiner's answer is deficient because it does not contain the grounds of rejection, listed in the final rejection mailed June 11, 2003, or the Response to Argument paragraphs.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner to: 1) submit a new examiner's answer containing the missing paragraphs; and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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